

Listing of and Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A steer axle assembly, comprising:
an axle beam disposed about a longitudinal axis; and,
an inverted knuckle yoke having a body portion and first and second arms extending from said body portion, said first and second arms configured to received a kingpin;
wherein said body portion is coupled to an external surface of said axle beam at a location inboard of a longitudinal end of said axle beam and said body portion is disposed on only one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.
2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said first and second arms are disposed on the same side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.
3. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said body portion is welded to said external surface of said axle beam.
- 4-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said body portion extends from said axle beam in an outboard direction and at an angle to said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 17 wherein said body portion is welded to an external surface of said axle beam.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 17 wherein said body portion is disposed on only one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

11. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 17 wherein said body portion extends from said axle beam in an outboard direction and at an angle to said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

12-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A steer axle assembly, comprising:

- an axle beam disposed about a longitudinal axis;

- an inverted knuckle yoke having a body portion and first and second arms extending from said body portion, said first and second arms configured to received a kingpin, said body portion coupled to an external surface of said axle beam; and,

- a spindle assembly rotatably mounted on said kingpin

- wherein said spindle assembly includes:

- a mounting body having a bore configured to receive said kingpin; and,

- a spindle coupled to said mounting body.

18. (Previously Presented) The steer axle assembly of claim 17 wherein said spindle assembly further includes a washer disposed between said mounting body and one of said first and second arms.

19. (Previously Presented) The steer axle assembly of claim 17 wherein said spindle assembly further includes a steering arm coupled to said mounting body.

20. (Previously Presented) The steer axle assembly of claim 17 wherein said first and second arms are disposed on the same side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

21. (Previously Presented) A steer axle assembly, comprising:

an axle beam disposed about a longitudinal axis; and,
an inverted knuckle yoke having a body portion and first and second arms extending from said body portion, said first and second arms configured to received a kingpin, said kingpin having a longitudinal axis intersecting said longitudinal axis of said axle beam;

wherein said body portion is coupled to an external surface of said axle beam and said body portion is disposed on only one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

22. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21 wherein said first and second arms are disposed on the same side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

23. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21 wherein said body portion is welded to said external surface of said axle beam.

24. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21 wherein said body portion extends from said axle beam in an outboard direction and at an angle to said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

25. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21 wherein said axle beam and said inverted knuckle yoke are formed as a single integrated forging or fabrication.

26. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21 wherein all of said body portion is disposed on said one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

27. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said axle beam and said inverted knuckle yoke are formed as a single integrated forging or fabrication.

28. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 1 wherein all of said body portion is disposed on said one side of said longitudinal axis of said axle beam.

29. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 17 wherein said axle beam and said inverted knuckle yoke are formed as a single integrated forging or fabrication.

30. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein said body portion is rigidly coupled to said external surface of said axle beam.

31. (New) The assembly of claim 21 wherein said body portion is rigidly coupled to said external surface of said axle beam.